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Astoria Jan 1st 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir.

Our Ladies are *hastily* gathering articles enough to fill a barrel for some needy Missionary family, a *little* flannel. Muslin. ladies cloak or two, hose & Sundries, I would send directly *to you*, but perhaps we might save you trouble if you could mention any one. We have a few things for *children*. If you advise sending to *you*, we are ready to do the *best thing*. *An answer by return mail if you please,* as the severe storm to night reminds me there must *be cold* in Minnesota.

Allow me to wish you and wife a "Happy New Year."

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Mr Stead received your letter
dated Lysander, wishes to be
kindly remembered

I am sorry we had not the
pleasure of making the acquaintan
of your wife.

Respectfully yours

S. T. Stead

Astoria Jan 15 1869

Dear Brother Jackson

The Box has gone — yesterday by U.S. Expss — paid through, It looks like a coffin box — so do not be startled when it comes to your house. 5.6. × 1.6. × 1.6: inside — made so to hold the Map — which was furnished at 500 Broadway without any hesitation.

It contains a variety of clothing various sizes & kinds — Calico & Muslin — Shoes — Comfortables &c. as they say in advertisements "Too numerous to mention." a few Books papers &c. pamphlets — some of not much value & put in chiefly for packing — There were two complete vols — of the Young Folks by mistake some of the numbers

were left out, & I send
them by mail.

Please use your discretion
as to their distribution, &
Mrs S. desires me especially
to say that if there is anything
in the box which would be
of use in your own family
please appropriate it.

It occurs also to me to
say that if you think there is
anything which would be acceptable
to the Ainslies. it might
have a good effect to send it
saying it is from Astoria.
But as to this judge what would
be best — Please not to
forget Brother Lyon — if there
is anything which you think
would be of service to him
or his —

We have pleasant
letter from Alfred
He wrote us an interesting
account of his Dedication.
Brethren Kehler & Lyon were
with him. Lanesboro seems
to be growing apace —

We hope that the
box may reach you safely
& may do something
toward the comfort of
some of our good Brethren

I may say that Mrs Stead
was chiefly instrumental in
collecting the articles &
she packed it all herself.

Mrs S. joins me in
kind regards to yourself &
Mrs Jackson

truly yours in Christian love
B. F. Stead.

49 West 11th Street
New York Jan 19, 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother

Some Ladies in Dr Thompsons Church desire to make up a "Box" for some Western Missionary who is in need and have applied to me to say to whom it shall be sent. Please send me as soon as you can the name of some Brother who needs help in that way and a description of his family and what clothing they will need. I wrote to you last week enclosing 35 dollars. I have also sent through the Board a package of Books and tracts —

I sent two weeks since my reply to the Congregational Brethren. If you wish a copy I will send you one,

I wrote to the Board about an appropriation of 5 or 6 hundred dollars to Albert Lea. Dr M. replies that he will present my request to the Board, and he thinks that under the circumstances they will grant something

He thinks five or 6 hundred a large sum and says it must be recommended by the Presbytery of Southern Minnesota —

We take our collection for the Board next Sabbath and if I can I will get some one to put in five hundred marked Special for Albert Lea,

Yours truly

William M Paxton

Trenton N. J. Jany 22 1869

Rev & Dear Bro.

Your letter of the 18th inst just received comes too late The ladies of the 4th Church sent a box last week to a minister in Ohio whose case was brought before them about the time of the receipt of your former letter, in which you stated that your list of names was exhausted. They cannot do any thing more this season. Next Spring or Summer they will probably begin again, when I may write to you for information.

Your friends here are pretty well I believe now. Mr Phillips has been quite sick with the Measles but is recovering

Yours very truly

R. H. Richard

Brooklyn Jan. 22. 1889.

My dear Brother,

The Ladies Sewing Society of my church have requested me to nominate some good minister for whom they shall prepare some articles of clothing. I beg leave to refer the matter to you. In your hard climate and in the present low state of our Missionary Board — there must be many who find it hard to live. Please let me know who among your co-labourers ~~are~~ is most most needy and most worthy and we will freely endeavour for Christ's sake to minister to him.

Let there be as little delay in your answer as possible. You, I presume, are well provided for. If this is a mistake do not hesitate to say so. We have an interest in you and your church, because it was our privilege to contribute a little toward it.

Yours truly in Xt

Henry J. VanDyke

N.Y. Jany 25th /69

Rev S. Jackson

Dear Sir

I received a note from you last week, desiring the names & residences of Ladies who had religious papers that they would like to send to those missionaries at the West, who would be glad of them. I ought to have replied to that letter immediately, but many things prevented my writing. To day I have received a letter from you, acknowledging the safe arrival of your box. You do not send me the ~~bill~~ bill of freight as I asked you to do, will you please not forget to do so at once. & I will remit the money to you. The Rev Mr Sample received this box the last day of the year

& was gratified with the contents. He sent us a very pleasant letter, which I read to the Ladies. His children were particularly pleased with their books, paint box, & other little trifles such as children like. I only wish Mrs Jackson that there was the heart to make up more such boxes. We might if *all* would do a very little. but alas! there are many who take no interest in such things, & never lend a helping hand. It devolves upon a very few. I trust you may be greatly blessed in your new field of labor. I have no doubt Miss Lord would be happy to have a letter from you on the subject of S. Schools. or a S. School Missionary. Her address is Miss S. Lord 34 W. 17th St. She said she would have liked very much to have met you, while you were in the city. I did not see you after she had so expressed herself to me

The following Ladies have given me their names, & should others offer I will send them to you. Mrs W. S. Gilman 5 West 32d St. Mrs Wm Barbour 11 West 32d St. Mrs Vernon 10 East 37th St. Miss Vernon 10 E. 37th St. Mrs D. P. Clark 444 West 23d St. Mrs J. C. M Paton 4 E. 36th Mrs J. O. Lothrop 220 West 38th. Rev James C. Murray 258 Lexington Ave.

I find that many ladies are in the habit of sending away their papers after having read them. I have no doubt others may give me their names. I now recollect another.
Mrs Dr Blakeman 28 West 37th St.

Thank you for your kind inquiry after my Father he is slowly improving, but does not yet leave his room, but I trust he will in the course of a week or two. I trust I shall soon hear from you. & with kind regards from my Father & self
believe me truly yours P. H. Lothrop

(1869)

126 Robinson Street
Allegheny City. Pa

Mr Sheldon Jackson

The Secretary of our Society received your very kind letter with that of the Rev J. S. Dunning. We did not undertake to furnish him with a box, agreeing with him in thinking, that there might be missionaries more needy than himself. I regret that we did not inform you of our decision immediately. We wrote to Dr Musgrave, & said received an application for a box, through him, for the Rev Liesveld, of Irvington. Ill To whom we sent a box valued at $200.00

I was so much pleased with the candor of Rev J S. Dunning, displayed in his letter that heartily wished my funds were such that I could have replenished his library with some new books.

Rev Jackson If you should ever visit this Smoky City I sincerely hope you will find time to visit the Bakewell Missionary Society of the 2nd Pres. Church. With the best wishes of your friend

Lydia A. McMaster
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P.S. I add by way of explanation. Miss Murdock is absent from the City and I am doing her duties. Your letter was forwarded to her in Ill. and then she sent it to me. I trust this will be a sufficient excuse for delay.

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Newark. Feb. 1. 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dr sir

The Ladies of the Third Pres church, are making up a box of clothing, and are desirous of sending it to where it is most needed, and have concluded that your field is the place to send it. they wish me therefore to write and request you to answer ~~it~~ immediately as to where they shall direct it. I trust you and your family are well. Mrs Alling had been some what out of health for the past few weeks, but is better at present.

I remain

Yours bro in Christ

Horace Alling

New York. Feb 8th. 1869.

Rev Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir.

Mrs Vernon will send the N Y Observer to the Rev. A. H. Kerr.

Miss Vernon has not, an Observer but a Missionary Herald, & a Christian World- Which she will gladly forward to the Rev. Alex. Caldwell.

Their earnest prayers follow them, for these faithful soldiers of the Cross-

Preston [illegible]
[illegible] Feb 11 [illegible]

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir:

Will you please inform me whether that box which I forwarded from here by Express, ever reached you - I received your letter from [illegible], acknowledging the receipt of my letter but no news from the box has yet arrived - I am anxious the ladies should know as soon as possible the fate of their contributions to Domestic Missions. I saw by the Presbyterian that you were to be stationed in Iowa - afterwards saw what seemed a contradiction of the statement [illegible] kind regards to Mrs Jackson [illegible]

I am truly yours
M - E - Jenkins

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Carmel, N.Y., Feb. 16th/69

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother,

I was present in the Synod of New York last Fall when you narrated the trials & needs of our Domestic missionaries. I am pastor of the Presbyterian church here and have been endeavoring to stir up my people to do something more for the cause than they have done hitherto. We are few in numbers - membership less than 5

70, but we can do something.

The ladies are talking now about making up a box for next year, and we are desirous of knowing with what to fill it & to whom to send it. Could you not put us in communication with some brother who would be glad of this assistance? He might write immediately & tell us of what things he stands most in need for himself & family.

I would also state that we have some old books which formerly belonged to our S. School library which might do some good where there was no opportunity to obtain better ones.

If it would not be asking too much of you, I should be glad to receive some statements in regard to the wants of the missionaries, that I might excite the interest of my people more fully.

Hoping to hear from you soon, in regard to this matter, believe me,

Yours very truly,

J. W. Cochran

It will be desirable, of course, that we know, the number, sizes & ages of the family to whom we send.

Palisades. Feb. 16th 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir,

I regret very much that your letter did not reach me sooner. I only received it last week as I have been away from home for some little time.

We had been waiting anxiously to hear from you for some weeks when a call from a needy missionary in Iowa was presented to us, and thinking you were not going to call upon us, we decided to send our box to him.

Our society only meets in the winter and I regret exceedingly to say that I fear we can do nothing for Mr. Irwin just now, we have given everything we could spare to the other box - next fall however we shall be most happy to do all in our power for some one that needs our aid - If you will write me early in Sept. sending me the name of some minister and some little account of his family, we will see that he has a box of warm clothing for the winter. Shall I keep Mr. Irwin's name or will you send me another? Our congregation is small and not at all wealthy but we try to do our part in the "good cause".

I will send you my Presbyterian, if you wish. Let me know where to mail it. I will also speak to my friends about sending their religious papers also.

Very Truly Yours
Anna C. Gilman

P.S. You probably have kept my address, lest you should not have done so, it is

Palisades
Rockland Co.
New York

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Brooklyn Feb. 17. 1869.

Rev & Dear Brother,

Your letter of Jan 29. enclosing two applications for help in the way of clothing, was duly received, and submitted to our ladies. They have concluded to supply the wants of one of the families referred to; but having several other matters on hand do not think it best to undertake both at present. I therefore, return the other letter to you.

I am grieved, but not surprized at the difficulties in the way of the Home Mission work of our church. The present state of things

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seems to me to be the legitimate result of the policy pursued by our Board for the past few years. The money now being expended in Kentucky and Missouri in the attempt to enforce the arbitrary orders of the Assembly — the money which is spent in keeping up bogus Presbyteries at the South, like that of New Orleans — together with the funds which are withheld from our Board by those who cannot conscientiously sanction this policy — would be amply sufficient to sustain the missionaries of the North West in their appropriate and self denying work. Whether you agree with me in these views or not, you have my sincere sympathy in your work, and so have all the good brethren with whom you are associated.

You are welcome at any time to come among my people for aid. Under existing circumstances we cannot contribute to the funds of the Board; but we are anxious to do all the more for the cause.

Our ladies will send that box of clothing as soon as possible.

Yours truly in Xt.
Henry J. VanDyke

Newark March 6th 1867

Rev. A. Dickson

Dear Sir

Some members of the 3rd. Presbyterian Church in this city have contributed a "Missionary box" & it was sent By Mr. Charles A. Carter as freight last Monday morning to your address as furnished by you to Miss Campfield. The day after to morrow I will send you the receipt to the "Union Rail Road Transportation line" And a "Post-Office order" for eighteen dollars. The box was intended to have been sent to you for distribution at your Christmas Lodge Fest, but

to a misunderstanding the [illegible]
[illegible] for you to distribute a family
a set of clothes (materials for it in
the box) for the gentleman I do not
recollect his name & after paying
the freight we could not learn what
the amount would be; the remainder
to be used towards making them
up. if convenient we should like
much to know what the freight is
they could have been made up here
if we had known his measure.
Materials for a dress for his wife
a bonnet for her & one for each of the
little girls muslin table clothes, with
materials for a set of shirts & bosoms &
linen for wristbands a bed quilt, calico
& whatever you or Mrs Jackson think
advisable to send them. the bonnets & other
articles will you please give where
they are needed there is an excellent
suit for a small man & other clothes
that would be of no use to them.
Please write the acknowledgments
to our excellent Mrs. Mary B. Miles
of 60 Broad St, As she first proposed
getting up the Box & to her Christian
Sympathy and perseverance ~~[illegible]~~ it is mainly owing;
I send you an inventory with this.

very respectfully yours &c.
S. Hunt

Rev. [illegible] Jackson
Rochester
Minn.

The P.O. receipt or order of Mr O H Carter

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

The ladies of our Church are just now engaged preparing a box for Rev Mr Campbell of — Minnesota I feel confident they are able to do more than this. were there another Minister and his family presented to them in need of aid I know they would respond Your deep interest in behalf of our Domestic Missionaries has led me to write you, that you may at once give me the name, ages, & sizes of

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a family that would receive aid in the way of a box. Please send us the information immediately. as our Societies will soon disband, but I feel extremely anxious that the Church should increase their benefactions, and work more diligently in this good cause. I think as you are now to give your whole time to the work of Missions. the cause will be better sustained and the ministers well cared for. We shall be very glad to hear from you, and at any time you have any cases of pressing need, appeal to us and we may aid you I hope the good cause will not suffer for want of means.

Please send us *immediately* the name & particulars of a family for whom we can sew.

Yours respectfully
C. H. Condit

Oswego.
New York
March 7. (1869)

Rev Shelden Jackson.

Dear Sir.

I received your note covering one from Rev S. M. Irwin. The ladies willingly respond to the call, and I have written him today requesting the sizes of the different members of his family. I fear the box will not be very valuable, as we have been filling two or three applications before. Yet we will do our best.

My Infant S. School have occasionally small sums of money at their disposal, at any time should their be a Sabbath School in your district in need of funds we might

contribute in small sums.
A special appeal will
sometimes rouse the little
ones to increase their
penny contributions.

I have directed Mr
Irwin Geneva Kansas,
hoping he will reply
immediately as our ladies
will wait before they commence
their work.

If there is any doubt of
his receiving my letter, (as I
may not have directed it
rightly, not according to
his direction in the Minutes
of the General Assembly)
will you please communicate
with him.

We hope soon to welcome our
brother home. Yours respectfully
C. H. Condit

1869